

Rossall School Careers and Higher Education Bulletin

Lent Term

March 2010

* indicates new event

EVENTS AT SCHOOL - *Sign up sheets for these events are outside the Sumner Library. Speak to Mrs Parsons if you would like more information.*

Event	Date	Year Group	Location	Notes
Guest Speaker - Careers in Science	25/3/ 2009 5.15-6 pm	Year 9 -13	Jackson Block	Sign up in library.

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS *Below is a list of the Open Days that we have received information about. A full listing of all University Open Days is online at www.opendays.com. Booking is necessary for many events.. Don't forget you will need to request permission to be absent from school if during term time.*

Institution	Date(s)	Department(s)	For more information
Thames Valley University	20.03.10	All	www.tvu.ac.uk
London School of Economics	24.03.10	All	www2.lse.ac.uk/study/opendays
Queen Mary University	14.04.10	All	www.qmul.ac.uk/visitus/opendays
Cardiff University	21.04.10	All	www.cardiff.ac.uk/opendays
University of Warwick	08.05.10	All	www2.warwick.ac.uk
Oxford Brookes University	12.06.10	All	www.brookes.ac.uk
University of Sussex	12.06.10 09.10.10	All	www.suzzex.ac.uk/visitors
Royal Holloway London	13.03.10 16.06.10	All	www.rhul.ac.uk
University of Huddersfield	17.06.10	All	www2.hud.ac.uk
University of Glasgow	17.06.10 01.09.10	All	www.gla.ac.uk
Birmingham City Univ	19.06.10	All	www.bcu.ac.uk/opendays
University of Manchester	18/19.06.10	All	www.manchester.ac.uk
University of Birmingham	24/25.06.10	All	www.undergraduate.bham.ac.uk
Loughborough University	24.06.10 16.09.10	All	www.lboro.ac.uk
University of Leeds	25/26.06.10	All	www.leeds.ac.uk
University of Nottingham	26.06.10 11.09.10	All	www.nottingham.ac.uk/ug-opendays
University of East Anglia	26.06.10	All	www.uea.ac.uk
City University, London	26.06.10	All	www.city.ac.uk/opendays
University College London	30.06.10	All	www.ucl.ac.uk
Newcastle University	02/03.07.10	All	www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit
University of Hull	10.07.10	All	www.hukk.ac.uk/opendays

***OXBRIDGE OPEN DAYS** Booking is necessary for these events and places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Please speak with Mrs Parsons if you have any questions regarding Oxbridge visits*

University/College	Date(s)	Department(s)	For more information
OXFORD			
Modern Languages Faculty	01.05.10		Attendance by registration only via www.mod-lans.ox.ac.uk
Magdalen College	30.06.10 01.07.10	All	Advance booking only online at www.magd.ox.ac.uk
Science Faculty	30.06.10 01/07.10	All Science departments	
CAMBRIDGE			
Whole University	01.07.10 02.07.10	All	www.cam.ac.uk/admissions
Downing, Kings, Emmanuel, Corpus Christi & Peterhouse	24.04.10	Mathematics Open Day	Places must be booked in advance, online at respective college website
Fitzwilliam College	24.04.10 01.05.10 04.09.10	College Open Days	Programmes and online booking forms are available at www.fitz.ca.uk

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON TASTER COURSES The London Taster Course Programme provides an opportunity to experience life as a university student, in your chosen subject area. Over 30 London universities participate in the programme offering over 150 different taster courses in 70+ different subject areas. They are held from March to July each year. **There is no charge to attend these courses and many are now waiting list only. Full details are available online at www.london.ac.uk/taster**

(If you have been offered a place and subsequently find you can't make it, please inform London Taster Courses so they can offer it to someone else.)

TASTER COURSES & MASTER CLASSES *Places on these courses tend to fill up very quickly. Full details are available from Mrs Parsons in the Careers Library*

Career	Date	Location	Cost	More Details
Medicine	20.03.10	St Mary's Hospital, London.	£30	One-day intensive course for prospective medical students www.medicalentry.com
Medicine	24.4.10	Imperial College, London	£89	PreMed Course. www.premed.org.uk
Law	24.4.10	Kings College, London	£89	PreLaw course www.prelaw.org
Veterinary Medicine	22/23.03.10	Cambridge	£140	VetCam 2010 –a 2 day course for prospective vets. See Mrs Parsons
Accounting	01.04.10 27.05.10	Cambridge London	Free	Price Waterhouse Coopers Insight Day.

	21.06.10	London	Free	Info at www.pwc.com/uk/careers
Geography	25.06.010	Fitzwilliam College Cambridge	£16	Progress in Geography conference. Book online www.fitz.cam.ac.uk
Psychology	08/09.04.10	University of Nottingham	£62	Exploring Psychology overnight conference www.workshop-uk.com
Forensics	10/11.04.10	University of Nottingham	£62	Exploring Forensics Overnight conference www.workshop-uk.com
Aerospace & Defence	23.07.09	Farnborough'	Free	"Inspiring Young Minds towards a career in Aerospace & Defence", careers fair, lectures, simulators. www.farnborough.com

FUTUREWISE INSIGHT, EXPERIENCE & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DAYS *These events are particularly useful for pupils in L6th as they start thinking about life beyond school. Full details, and application forms, are at: www.inspiringfutures.org.uk*

Discounts are available to pupils who took the Morrisby Test in Year 11

INSIGHT VISITS: *Meet face to face with leading employers & universities
Learn about the career and subject areas that interest you*

Career	Host Employer/University	Date	Location
Business Consultancy	PriceWaterhouseCoopers	23.03.10	London
Drama	School of Visual & Performing Arts	26.03.10	Cambridge
Law	CPS	30.03.10	Nottingham
Property Management	Savills	04.06.10	Cambridge
Business Consultancy	PWC	09.06.10	London

EXPERIENCE EVENTS (all in London):

Get hands-on experience & take part in team challenges

Meet with leading professionals & like-minded students

Career Experience	Date	Career Experience	Date
Law	29.03.10	Accountancy	08.04.10
Architecture	30.03.10	Journalism	13.04.10
Media – Channel 4	31.03.10	Sport Science	14.04.10
Marketing and PR	06.04.10	Medicine	April 2010
Financial Services	07.04.10	Science	July 2010

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (all in London)

Skills	Dates
Interview, presentation and communication skills	16th April, 23rd April, 25th June
Personal presentation skills for leadership	27th April, 30th April

HEADSTART Science & Engineering Experience Courses

Four-day residential experience courses held at major universities during school summer holidays, where pupils in **Lower 6th** have the opportunity to participate in practical problem solving activities, attend lectures and seminars, visit local companies and experience life as an undergraduate.

Courses are divided into four distinct categories:

Engineering (broad-based), Focus (single discipline),

Insight (girls only), and Science and Society

Cost £210 which includes accommodation and all meals.

Early application is essential. Full course descriptions are available at

www.headstartcourses.org.uk.

SMALLPEICE TRUST: Engineering Courses 2010

A wide variety of taster courses in Engineering hosted by Universities around the country. Places on these courses fill up very quickly. Early application is essential.

Full course descriptions are available at www.smallpeicetrust.org.

WORK EXPERIENCE / SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

* Fulbright Commission – Summer Institute for Outstanding European Students

A five-week cultural and academic programme for students held at two US universities that focuses on concepts of leadership from American perspectives, civic engagement through academic coursework and participatory activities, and wide-ranging cross-cultural exchange. This year's institutes will take place from 11 July – 14 August 2010 and are open to pupils taking A levels this summer. More information at

www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-uk-citizens/special-programmes/summer-institute-for-students.

Cambridge Physics Summer School

The University of Cambridge will be running its Senior Physics Challenge from 27th June to 1st July for students of A level Physics. This is a residential summer school with students accommodated overnight in University Colleges. During the day pupils are involved in physics-related problem solving with lab classes and lectures held at the Cavendish Laboratory. For further details go to www-spc.phy.cam.ac.uk.

Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge

Details of their work experience scheme, and a download of available opportunities can be found [at www.cuh.org.uk/addenbrookes/working_for_us/work_experience/placements](http://www.cuh.org.uk/addenbrookes/working_for_us/work_experience/placements)

JP Morgan Schools Programme

A four-day programme which offers A-level pupils a glimpse into the world of investment banking. Entry is highly competitive for limited spaces. Applications open in early 2010 – more info at

www.careers.jpmorgan.com/student/jpmorgan/careers/europe/preintern/schools.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS GUIDANCE RESOURCES – a selection of the reference material available in the careers library:

Brian Heap: University Degree Course Offers

Of particular value is the subject-by-subject guide to courses detailing the entry requirements by course, in descending order to enable quick comparison.

Brian Heap: University Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries

Brings together the full range of funding available for anyone studying at UK universities, providing a wealth of valuable information for both home and overseas students.

Which Uni? Finding the best university for you

Packed full of tables that rate universities on everything from the quality of their teaching to the make-up of their student population.

USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES

www.prospectusuk.com - Use this link to order up to 10 university prospectuses at once from a single site. A great way to simplify your university research.

www.allaboutlaw.co.uk - Everything you need to know about a career in law, as well as advice from law professionals and employers, and law students past and present.

www.careerscope.co.uk - Independent Schools Careers Association, constantly updated with the latest information on study, work, higher education, gap years and timely revision tips.

www.yougo.co.uk - Student network site

www.ucas.com - A really useful way to research university courses and institutions, the UCAS website is also the route for making online applications to university.

www.opendays.com - Complete listings of university and subject (faculty) open days by name or by date etc, and includes an online open day booking facility. .

www.unistats.com Compares UK universities and the courses they offer, and gives rankings by subject. Also includes student views on universities and useful tips on short-listing which universities to apply for.

www.studentbook.org An independent guide to British universities exposing the vital nitty gritty details. Written by current university students, it gives the inside track on what university life is really like.

www.lawyer2b.com For prospective law students - careers advice, news, features and blogs.